



City of Mount Rainier Department of Public Works Waste Collection Rules

Rules Implementation Date: September 28, 2018

DO's and DON'Ts



Last updated on: January 15, 2020

Residential Trash Collection



Pick Up Day: Every Wednesday. If unforeseen circumstances (e.g., truck breaks down, snow emergency, hazardous conditions) or a holiday prevents collection on Wednesday, pick-up will occur the next business day.

All trash **MUST** be in a watertight and rodent proof container equipped with a tight-fitting lid, wheels, and lift bar. Residents may have up to three (3) secondary trash containers no larger than 35 gallons for up to two years following the implementation date (**09/28/2018**). Beginning three years following the implementation date of these rules, residents may have up to three (3) 48-gallon city-provided trash containers. The additional city-provided trash containers may be purchased from the city at 100% of the cost of the container. Household trash must not be mixed with bulk or yard waste. Trash cans must be set out any time after 7:00 PM the day before trash collection and no later than 7:00 AM on trash collection days. Regular household trash means usual residential household items from places such as the kitchen, bathroom etc.

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Bulk Trash Collection

Pick up Day: First (1st) and Third (3rd) Monday of each month (by appointment only). If unforeseen circumstances (e.g., truck breaks down, snow emergency, hazardous conditions) or a holiday prevents collection, pick-up will occur the next business day.

Bulky items such as chairs, sofas, box springs, mattresses, tables, appliances, water heaters, wood scraps, old doors, flooring, bamboo, and logs are collected for bulk trash. This service is by appointment only and is collected the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Bulk may be set out 48 hours before scheduled pick-up. Appointments can be made any time during the two-week period and there is a cut-off time at 12 noon on the Friday before the scheduled pick-up day. Please call the automated line (301) 985-6558 and leave a message to schedule. The limit is 3 cubic yards of items to be collected, six (6) times in a 12-month period. Residents going over this limit can call Public Works at (301) 985-6583 to schedule an estimate for special pick up. Upon viewing the items, a price will be given which must be paid prior to pick-up. The minimum price is \$50.00 (Please see section for Special Bulk Collection). There is a fee of \$25.00 for refrigerators, freezers and A/C units. A fee of \$5.00 is charged for tires without rims and \$6.00 for tires with rims. These fees must be paid prior to pick up and payments can be made at the City Hall. For more information on payment please call (301) 985-6585

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Special Bulk Collection



Residents can make arrangements with Public Works Department for a Special Bulk Pick Up when the amount exceeds 3 cubic yards or for pickup other than on the 1st or 3rd Monday. The cost is determined by the amount and items to be disposed. An estimate will be made after items are viewed by the department and a price given which must be paid prior to pick up. The minimum fee is \$50.00. These fees must be paid prior to pick up and payments can be made at the City Hall. For more information on payment, please call (301) 985-6585

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Yard Waste Collection

Pick up Day: Every Monday from March-November and Second (2nd) Monday of the month in December, January, and February (**no appointment needed**). If unforeseen circumstances (e.g., truck breaks down, snow emergency, hazardous conditions) or a holiday prevents collection, pick-up will occur the next business day.

Residents are allowed 3 cubic yards per pick-up. Anyone going over the limit will be asked to pay for the overage (the minimum fee is \$50.00). **Bamboo and logs are not yard waste, these are collected for bulk trash.** Yard waste such as brush and branches must be tied in bundles not more than 4 feet in length and/or 50 pounds. Wire must **not** be used to tie bundles of yard waste. Leaves and lawn clippings must be placed in paper bags or in trash cans. Residents are not to place loose leaves or other vegetation on the ground as this is a violation with a fine of \$25.00 for each separate offense. Loose leaves are only collected curbside in November and December. A schedule will be published in the city's website and newsletter.

Residential Recycle Collection



Pick up Day: Every Friday. If unforeseen circumstances (e.g., truck breaks down, snow emergency, hazardous conditions) or a holiday prevents collection, pick-up will occur the next business day.

Recyclables are not accepted in ANY PLASTIC OR PAPER BAGS

The city has provided one 64-gallon recycling container equipped with a tight-fitting lid, wheels, and lift bar. Additional city-provided recycling containers may be purchased from the city at 50% of the cost of the container. Recycle must be set out any time after 7:00 PM the day before recycling collection and no later than 7:00 AM on recycle collection days.

With respect to items permitted for recycling, the City shall follow the rules of Prince George's County, which are subject to change. The following items are permitted for recycling as currently determined by the County:

Mixed Paper/Corrugated Cardboard

- ❖ All paper
- ❖ Aseptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons
 - ❖ Catalogs
 - ❖ Corrugated cardboard (boxes)
 - ❖ Frozen food packaging
 - ❖ Hard- and soft- covered books
- ❖ Kraft paper bags and wrapping paper
 - ❖ Magazines
 - ❖ Newspapers with inserts
- ❖ Paper board (cereal and cracker boxes)
 - ❖ Telephone books
- ❖ Aluminum cans, glass containers, glass jars, empty preserved food tin cans (rinsed out)

Plastics

- ❖ Drinking cups/glasses
- ❖ Flowerpots (without dirt)
- ❖ Narrow-neck containers with code identification numbers 1 through 7
- ❖ Wide-mouth containers such as peanut butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise and whipped topping; margarine/butter tubs; and prescription bottles

Remember to rinse all food and beverage containers and to recap or place the lids in the recycling cart/bin.

Unacceptable Items

- ❖ Auto parts,
- ❖ Light bulbs
- ❖ Broken glass
- ❖ Dishes
- ❖ Electronics
- ❖ Hazardous materials
- ❖ Medical waste
- ❖ Motor oil containers
- ❖ Packing foam and peanuts
- ❖ Mirrors
- ❖ Plastic utensils
- ❖ Windowpanes
- ❖ Construction materials



Electronic Recycling

The Department of Public Works is offering electronic recycling through Unicor. Electronic Items may ONLY be dropped off at the Department of Public Works quarterly on the 3rd Saturday of the month in, March, June, September, and December.

Accepted Electronic Recycling Materials with Unicor

Hazardous waste (not acceptable)

Hazardous waste Includes:



- ❖ Paint
- ❖ Paint thinner
- ❖ Batteries
- ❖ Insecticides
- ❖ Motor oil
- ❖ Gasoline
- ❖ Butane tanks
- ❖ Kerosene

These items can be taken to the County Landfill located at 11611 Whitehouse Road, Upper Marlboro, MD.